

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A data processing server system connected to
2 communicate over a network with at least one client
3 data processing system, comprising:
4 an order services management component;
5 a services fulfillment management component;
6 an assurance management component;
7 a financial management component; and
8 a business analytics management component, wherein all
9 components are simultaneously available to a
10 user.
- 1 2. The data processing server system of claim 1, wherein
2 a user of the server system can manage all aspects of
3 services available to a user of the client system.
- 1 3. The data processing server system of claim 1, wherein
2 the data processing server system is in a different
3 location than multiple client data processing systems.

- 1 4. A method for system resource provisioning, comprising:
2 receiving a request from a user for a requested system
3 resource;
4 checking a resource inventory to determine if a system
5 resource that corresponds to the system resource
6 is available to the user;
7 assigning a system resource, corresponding to the
8 requested system resource, from the inventory to
9 the user;
10 activating the system resource to be available to the
11 user; and
12 updating the resource inventory to indicate that the
13 system resource was assigned to the user.
- 1 5. The method of claim 5, wherein the system resource is
2 a hardware resource.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the system resource is
2 a software resource.
- 1 7. The method of claim 5, further comprising configuring
2 the system resource as required by the user.
- 1 8. The method of claim 5, wherein the status of all
2 requests, inventories, and system services are
3 simultaneously available to the user.

1 9. The method of claim 5, further comprising receiving a
2 request to de-allocate an assigned system resource,
3 de-allocating the assigned system resource from the
4 user, and updating the resource inventory to indicate
5 that the assigned system resource is no longer
6 assigned to the user.

1 10. A computer program product tangibly embodied in a
2 computer-readable medium, comprising:
3 instructions for receiving a request from a user for a
4 requested system resource;
5 instructions for checking a resource inventory to
6 determine if a system resource that corresponds
7 to the system resource is available to the user;
8 instructions for assigning a system resource,
9 corresponding to the requested system resource,
10 from the inventory to the user;
11 instructions for activating the system resource to be
12 available to the user; and
13 instructions for updating the resource inventory to
14 indicate that the system resource was assigned to
15 the user.

1 11. The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the
2 system resource is a hardware resource.

1 12. The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the
2 system resource is a software resource.

1 13. The computer program product of claim 10, further
2 comprising instructions for configuring the system
3 resource as required by the user.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the
2 status of all requests, inventories, and system
3 services are simultaneously available to the user.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 10, further
2 comprising instructions for receiving a request to de-
3 allocate an assigned system resource, instructions for
4 de-allocating the assigned system resource from the
5 user, and instructions for updating the resource
6 inventory to indicate that the assigned system
7 resource is no longer assigned to the user.

1 16. A data processing system having at least a processor
2 and accessible memory, comprising:
3 means for receiving a request from a user for a
4 requested system resource;
5 means for checking a resource inventory to determine
6 if a system resource that corresponds to the
7 system resource is available to the user;
8 means for assigning a system resource, corresponding
9 to the requested system resource, from the
10 inventory to the user;
11 means for activating the system resource to be
12 available to the user; and
13 means for updating the resource inventory to indicate
14 that the system resource was assigned to the
15 user.

1 17. The data processing system of claim 16, wherein the
2 system resource is a hardware resource.

1 18. The data processing system of claim 16, wherein the
2 system resource is a software resource.

1 19. The data processing system of claim 16, further
2 comprising means for configuring the system resource
3 as required by the user.

1 20. The data processing system of claim 16, wherein the
2 status of all requests, inventories, and system
3 services are simultaneously available to the user.

1 21. The data processing system of claim 16, further
2 comprising means for receiving a request to de-
3 allocate an assigned system resource, means for de-
4 allocating the assigned system resource from the user,
5 and means for updating the resource inventory to
6 indicate that the assigned system resource is no
7 longer assigned to the user.